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	Examiner Olga Asinovsky	Art Unit 1711

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 January 2005.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-29 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-29 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)	5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application
Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>01/28/2005</u> .	6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Duff et al. U.S. Patent 5,332,640 or Grandhee U.S. Patent 6,683,145, or Southwick et al U.S. Patent 5,292,795.

Duff discloses a composition having a core dendrimer and interior layers attached to the core. The layers comprising arms composed of repeating units, and terminal functional groups attached to the outermost repeating unit of each arm. The suitable core materials include polyfunctional alcohol, polyfunctional amines, col. 10, lines 40-45. The interior layers can include amidoamines, ethers, col 9, lines 65-68. The terminal functionalities include hydroxyl groups, carboxylic acid groups, carboxylates, esters, amides, and the like, col. 11, lines 5-8. The toner is a copolymer dispersion, which can be prepared by a dispersion polymerization=emulsion in the presence of a surfactant, col. 12, line 25.

Grandhee'145 discloses an aqueous coating composition prepared by emulsion polymerization in one or two-stage process, col. 2, lines 40-41; col. 4, line 66, using a

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free radical initiator, col. 5, lines 27-34 and 38-65. The polymerizable esters of glycidyl esters and tertiary acid having 9 or more carbon atoms of the formula at col. 3, line 1 is readable in the present claim 8. The emulsion polymer may be polymereized from a monomer mixture that includes an active hydrogen-functional monomer including acid-functional monomer, hydroxyl-functional monomers, column 3, lines 26-67. The emulsion polymer is readable for having a core/shell structure and/or dendritic polymer structure. The emulsion polymer can be used as a coating composition, column 16, lines 23-24.

Soutwick discloses an aqueous polymer dispersion comprising multiblock copolymers that may have a radial structure, col. 3, lines 11-25. The polymer used in the composition is comprised of at least one conjugated diolefin block or at least one acrylic monomer block having the structure at col. 2, line 5 and col. 4, lines 11-44. The polymer dispersion is produced by an emulsion polymerization process in the presence of surfactant=emulsifier. The polymer dispersion is used as water based coating, col. 6, lines 53-65.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to use coating composition in Duff invention or Grandhee'145 invention, or Southwick invention as a copolymer dispersion therein the terminal group comprises an alkenyl functional group, because the section of the terminal group is depending on the desired application and characteristics of using the emulsion polymer.

Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. References have been considered. The closest reference is EP 0 899 286.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Olga Asinovsky whose telephone number is 571-272-1066. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00 to 5:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Seidleck can be reached on 571-272-1078. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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